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**Bill & Janet Bathurst's Pond, Arvada,** (photo courtesy of Bill Bathurst)

## Colorado Water Garden Society 2018 Pond Tour, Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>

by **Dorothy Martinez**

The Annual Pond Tour and Picnic is scheduled to take place on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 10:00 am. Can you think of a better way to spend a summer Saturday than touring beautiful water features? This year's Tour will be in Wheat Ridge, Arvada, & Golden. Eleven different ponds and various water features will be included in this year's Tour.

A suggested route of the Pond Tour sites is included with this Newsletter. The Tour should take about 2 ¾ hours to drive, this does not include the time you spend at each pond, only the time it takes to drive the entire route. The route is approximately 50 miles in length. The suggested route starts with the Southernmost pond, works its way North, then Northwest, and ends at the final destination where the Picnic will take place.

The Picnic starts at 5:00 pm. If you finish the Pond Tour early, please come after 4:00 pm, as we will still be putting the finishing touches on setting up for the Picnic. The Tour will operate from 10:00 am through 4:30 pm and is self-guided. The Tour is free to all CWGS members and their guests. Along with the provided directions, you will need a good Denver Metro area map and/or a GPS.

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### **Pond Tour & Picnic**

**Pond Tour**  
**10:00 am – 4:30 pm**

**Picnic**  
**5:00 pm – 7:00 pm**  
**Wheat Ridge, Arvada, & Golden,**  
**CO**

**Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>**  
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**Lou Hayward's Pond, Golden,** (photo courtesy of Lou Hayward)



**Peter Hier & Brenda Parsons-Hier's Pond, Golden,** (photo courtesy of Bill Powell)

## CWGS Pond Tour & Picnic

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You'll also want to bring sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat. Please remember, only the ponds and gardens are open, the houses and restroom facilities are not. If you need a bathroom break, take time to stop along the way. The picnic will be held at stop #11, Dorothy Martinez & John Funk's residence, located in Golden. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on, just in case we need additional seating.

The club will provide the main dish, side dishes, drinks, and dessert – all for only \$5 per plate for adults, children under 12 are free. Your plate charge also buys you a ticket for door prizes, which will include a range of aquatic plants and maybe a few other items.

### Pond Tour Directions

1. **Steve Todd and Susan Pinkney-Todd, 3233 Fenton Street, Wheat Ridge**

If you are taking I-70 west, from I-70 take the Sheridan exit, turn left (south) to 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, turn right (west), then right (north) on Fenton Street. If you are taking I-70 east, from I-70 take the Harlan Street/Sheridan Blvd. exit, turn left (north) on Harlan Street, turn right (east) on 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue, turn right (south) onto Sheridan Blvd. to 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, turn right (west), then right (north) on Fenton Street.

2. **Charles and Jill Richardson, 11896 W. 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Arvada**

From #1, turn right (west) on 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to Wadsworth, turn right (north) to Ralston Road (58<sup>th</sup> Avenue), turn left (west) on 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Tabor Street, turn left (south) on Tabor Street to 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue, turn right (west) on 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

3. **Vicki and Dan Aber, 8046 Parfet Way, Arvada**

From #2, turn left (north) onto Tabor Street to 1<sup>st</sup> right 57<sup>th</sup> Place, turn right (east) onto 57<sup>th</sup> Place, turn left (north) onto Simms Street to 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue, turn left (west) to Ward Road, turn right (north) to 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, turn right (east) to Simms Street, turn left (north) to 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue, turn right (east) to Pierson Court, turn left (north) to Parfet Way, turn right (east).

4. **Heidi Frisch and Fran Brodigan, 7642 Yule Court, Arvada**

From #3, turn right on (west) on 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue (turns into 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue) to Quaker Street, turn left (south) on Quaker Street, turn right (west) on 77<sup>th</sup> Drive, continue through two traffic circles on 77<sup>th</sup> Drive, turn left (southwest) on Yule Court.

5. **Bill and Janet Bathhurst, 7630 Windy Court, Arvada**

From #4, turn right (south) on 77<sup>th</sup> Drive, turn right (southwest) on Windy Court.

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**Dan & Vicki Aber's Pond, Arvada,**  
(photo courtesy of Vicki Aber)



**Bill & Janet Bathurst's Pond, Arvada,**  
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### 6. Lois Krause, 7069 Russell Court, Arvada

From #5, turn right (east) on 77<sup>th</sup> Drive to Quaker Street, turn right (south) on Quaker Street, turn right (west) on 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, turn left (south) on Salvia Street, turn left (east) on 71<sup>st</sup> Avenue, turn right (south) on Russell Court.

### 7. McColley Water Gardens, Forest Springs Subdivision

From #6, turn left (west) on 71<sup>st</sup> Avenue, turn left (south) on Salvia Street which becomes 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue, turn right (south) on Quaker Street, turn left (east) on 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue, turn left (north) on McIntyre Street, make a slight right (north) on Lupine Circle, turn left (northeast) on 67<sup>th</sup> Avenue which becomes Kendrick Drive. Most of the ponds are located off the street, so park on the street and walk to the various ponds, take Kendrick Drive (south) to 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

### 8. Eric Cussen, 19650 W. 59<sup>th</sup> Drive, Golden

From #7, turn right (west) on 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue, turn left (south) on Highway 93 (Foothills Road), turn left (east) on W. 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue, turn left (north) on Gilbert Street, turn left (west) on W. 59<sup>th</sup> Drive.

### 9. Peter Hier and Brenda Parsons-Hier, 300 Peery Parkway, Golden

From #8, turn right (south) on Gilbert Street, turn right (west) on W. 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue, turn left (south) on Highway 93 (Foothills Road), turn left (east, then south) to Ford Street exit, turn right (south) on Ford Street, turn left (east) on 1<sup>st</sup> Street, turn right (south) on Partridge Circle, turn right (east) on Ptarmigan Street, turn right (east) on Peery Drive, slight left on Peery Parkway.

### 10. Lou Hayward, 15777 W. 52<sup>nd</sup> Drive, Golden

From #8, continue downhill (south) on Peery Parkway, turn right (west) on Plateau Parkway which turns into Boyd Street (south), turn right (west) on 7<sup>th</sup> Street, turn left (south) on Ford Street, turn left (east) on 10<sup>th</sup> Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Street becomes 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue, turn left (northwest) on Easley Road, continue up hill, turn right (east) on Easley Road, turn right (east) on 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue, turn right (south) on McIntyre Street, turn right (west) on 52<sup>nd</sup> Drive.

### 11. Dorothy Martinez and John Funk, 14837 W. 57<sup>th</sup> Drive, Golden

From #9, turn right (south) on McIntyre Street, turn left (east) on 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, turn left (north) on Indiana Street, turn left (west) on 57<sup>th</sup> Drive.

## Pond Tour Pond Descriptions

### Steve Todd & Susan Pinkney-Todd

We bought our home 12 years ago with an existing pond. The pond was redone 2 years ago by Rocky Mountain Waterscape, doubling the water to 4,000 gallons, to include a liner that is resistant to intruders (i.e. deer and raccoons). The pond features walk-across boulders, with koi and a variety of water plants. To deter blue herons, we have devised a system of floating lattice. Please enter by the south gate.

### Charles & Jill Richardson

Park on 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue to avoid getting boxed in the driveway, this will entail a 100' walk to the yard. If you are unable to walk that far, park in the driveway. The house is near the old Timberline Gardens (the Richardsons were its owners). On the west side of the house you will see several small container water gardens. On the east side, follow the walkway to the large water garden. The large water garden is over 5' deep with several shallower pockets. You will see koi along with hardy and tropical water lilies.

Feel free to walk throughout the yard. There is also a cactus production facility owned by Kelly Grummons on the property.

### Vicki & Dan Aber

Our water features have been a work in progress for over 30 years. It seems they are always expanding. I have an absolute addiction to plants. We also love our fish, so we try to have a happy medium between the koi and plants. We have been having a bad time with herons this year. Between several pretend herons, netting, and a bird dog on patrol we hope we have kept most of the fish in the pond. The two large ponds are about 5,000 gallons each. There are also many smaller ponds and containers.

### Fran Brodigan & Heidi Frisch

Our pond is fairly old (>10yrs) and pretty established. It is roughly 25' x 35' and about 12,000 gallons or so. I think our biggest feature is the fish. We probably have close to 100 koi that started out as little 4" - 5" guys and have grown and multiplied. There is a nice view out back as well.

We prefer if people take the formal walkway back to the pond located on the right-hand side of the house. (we have steps on the left as well, but they are steep. The next-door neighbors water feature is on the right as well).

### Bill & Janet Bathurst

We have a 50' meandering stream that begins at the side of the house, passes under two flagstone bridges, and down into the backyard where it falls into a 2,600 gallon pond complete with a bog and wetlands area. There are many marginal plants along the stream and pond edge. The pond also contains several koi and numerous tropical and hardy lilies.

Additionally, there is a separate 500 gallon pond with a 10' stream that is exclusively for lotus. Our yard boasts spectacular views and scenery. Park on the street and enter the yard from the west gate.

### Lois Krause

My pond was initially built in 1995 and not by a pond expert. The concrete bottom cracked, it leaked a lot, and it all had to be blasted out. Lesson learned - chose someone who knows what they are doing. It was properly lined and rebuilt with the perimeter lines softened, also the waterfall area was redesigned and vastly improved. The waterfall runs over 40' across my backyard, which has a Japanese garden influence. The water drops down from the waterfall, thru 2 smaller ponds, and into the deepest pond. It is a bit over 1,000 gallons of circulating water. I gave up on koi but have about 2 dozen goldfish playing and hiding among the plants in the deeper, lower pond. My bedroom is just above the waterfall and with the window open at night, I enjoy the SOUNDS of the pond at night after enjoying the SIGHTS of it during the day.

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## Pond Tour Pond Descriptions

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### McColley Water Gardens

The three ponds totaling about a ½ acre, were created in 1994, and are part of the subdivision drainage system. The ponds are constructed with vinyl liners and concrete. They capture drainage water from the subdivision, hold the water, and discharge it into the city's water and sewer system. The ponds contain a wide variety of hardy lilies, water iris, sedge, cattails, and are about 6 feet deep at their deepest. The ponds also contain an active blackbird population, frogs, koi, turtles, crayfish, kingfishers, herons, mallards, geese, and egrets. The ponds contain about 2 – 3 million gallons of water. The pond system is driven with 4 large pumps. Most of the ponds are located along the street, so park along the street and walk to the various ponds.

### Eric Cussen

We have a small backyard, just 20' x 50', and wanted an outdoor space we could enjoy year-round. The yard the builder installed was soul-crushing and devoid of anything remotely interesting. We tore out the entire yard and started from scratch. We envisioned a "Japan meets Colorado" theme and we think we captured that aesthetic well. We have koi and several varieties of water plants. Each of the plants and placement of landscaping around the pond was deliberately planned to remind us of a Japanese garden. The pond provides a nice balance to the somewhat stark and heavy patio. Our favorite thing about the pond is the sound of the waterfall. Our yard is a relaxing space in both summer and winter, thanks to our little pond.

### Brenda Parsons-Hier & Peter Hier

What started as a whiskey barrel on the deck being converted to a water feature led to the construction of numerous water features. The first pond, which was built in 2007, is about 1,000 gallons. It has a small waterfall and is 3' deep at its deepest. This pond contains numerous water lilies, marginal plants, and about 30 various patterned goldfish. There is a bog area beside this pond.

In 2008 a pond-less waterfall was built, followed by the addition of two decorative ponds connected by a small stream. Eventually 2 more pools about 300 gallons each were built. There are also numerous water container features. All the ponds were designed and built by the owners and are an expression of their enjoyment of water features. Park on the street, walk up the driveway and steps to the right, enter through the east or right-hand gate.

### Lou Hayward

My pond was built by my father 6 years ago and was a work in progress. He passed away before it was completed as planned. I have never finished it, but still enjoy seeing my waterlilies blooming every summer. I have added to the waterlily collection my father had over the years. I now have 50 varieties of waterlilies in my pond. It is a work in progress, but one day it may be finished up.

### Martinez/Funk

There are two ponds, one in the lower yard and one in the upper yard. The larger pond is fed by a waterfall with a 6' drop and includes several types of marginal water plants, hardy lilies, and numerous koi and goldfish. The larger pond is approximately 2,200 gallons and the smaller pond is approximately 940 gallons. The smaller pond was constructed primarily for our retriever. The ponds were constructed in October 2004 and May 2005. The lower pond was remodeled and a wetlands filter was installed in May 2010. Park along the street and enter through the east gate.

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- Water Blossom Festival (August) \_\_\_\_\_

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*A calendar of CWGS Activities and Events:*

### **July 21: Pond Tour & Picnic Wheat Ridge, Arvada, & Golden, CO**

#### Pond Tour

10:00 AM – 4:30 PM

#### Picnic

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

**August 4: Water Blossom Festival** – Monet Pond Area, Docent Tours of DBG Gardens & Free Plants, DBG, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

**August 25: Pond Side Program** – Blakley/Hamm Residence, Picnic Potluck, Lafayette, CO, 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

**Sept. 20: Potluck, Annual Board Elections, Presentation featuring a round-robin discussion on pond experiences & favorite plants, & 2019 Planning Meeting** – Plant Society Building, DBG, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**Oct. 18: Potluck, possible Ghosts in the Gardens' Tour, & 2019 Planning Meeting** – Great Room, Waring House, DBG, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**Dec. 13: Holiday Banquet & Volunteer Recognition**, – Plant Society Building, DBG, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM



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